

**Carolyn Peploe**

Another unique lady with a distinctive style, kindness and sense of humour. Carolyn's family belonged to the Czech aristocracy – she was one of the last generation of debutantes to be presented at the Palace.

She was born in London just before the Second World War. She lived with her mother and elder brother, and they made their own entertainment playing 3-handed bridge. By the late 50s she was playing rubber bridge at Brendan's Club in London where she met the top players of the day, including Terence Reese and John Collings.

She met husband Charles on the ski slopes. They settled in Edinburgh where she soon became an integral part of the bridge scene.

Carolyn suffered a terrible accident in the mid-70s and nearly died. She fought back by sheer strength of will and a determination to play top-level bridge again. She represented Scotland in the Lady Milne with Kathy Copley and Veronica Guy; and was a member of the Scottish Women's Team at the European Championships in Malmö in 2004. She became a Grand Master in 2001.

She also contributed to bridge administration, acting as League Secretary to the East District Committee in the 1980s and 90s. She was also Secretary to the Carlton Bridge Club.

Carolyn was a fine player, perhaps underrated because she was that rare type of partner, one prepared to take the blame for every bad result. She struggled with ill-health and failing eyesight latterly but was always welcome at the table.